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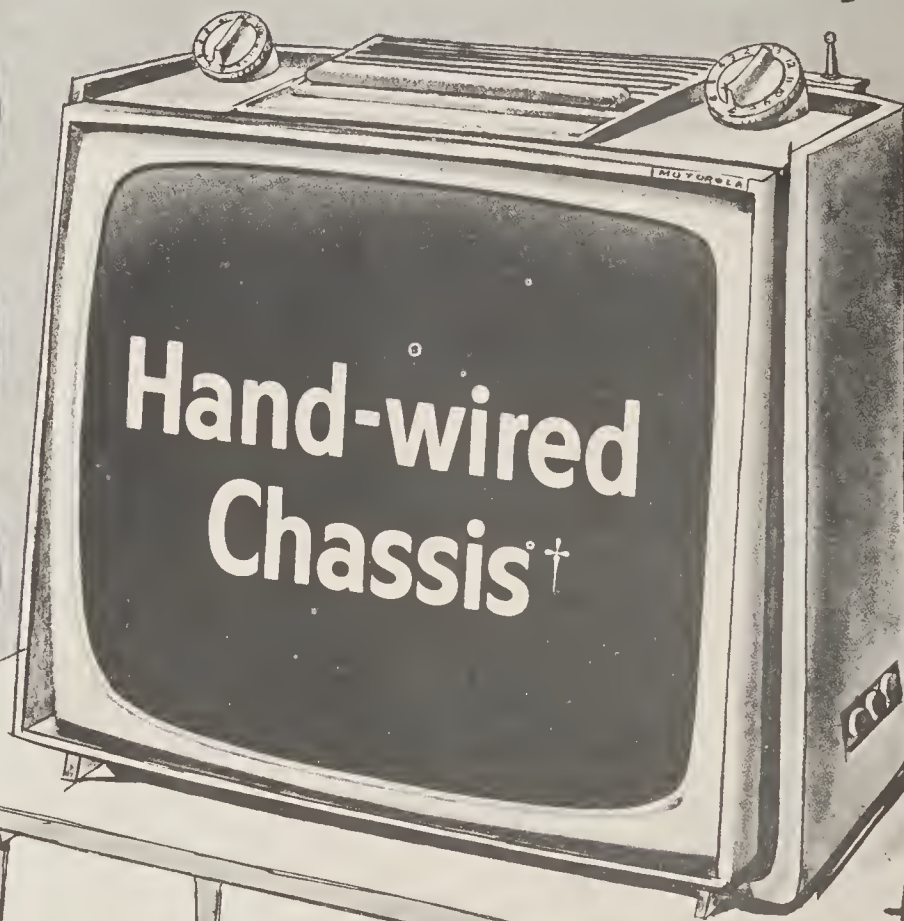
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The Real Reason

Private power companies throughout the nation are marshaling their forces for an all-out attack on rural electric cooperatives. They are mounting a barrage that—make no mistake about it—has but one purpose: to destroy the cooperative rural electrification program.

Why?

The power companies will give you plenty of reasons—but all of these serve merely as a smoke screen to cloud the real reason they want to destroy your electric cooperative: They fear the example you are giving the nation.

This example is forcefully brought home in some recently compiled figures. These figures show, for instance, that North Carolina's rural electric co-ops get \$453 of revenue per mile of line. On the other hand, the three major power companies in our state have a revenue of \$3,879 per mile of line—nearly *nine* times as much!

You can't look at figures like these without asking questions—some of which can be answered adequately; others, the power companies would rather not have asked.

If co-operatives can survive on such comparatively little revenue per mile of line—to say nothing of *buying their own system at the same time*—why does a private power company need nine times as much revenue? To pay its stockholders their *guaranteed* rate of return? (Or perhaps to finance a gigantic propaganda attack?)

These, of course, are questions that can only be answered after a full-scale investigation. It is enough to say that once the power companies destroy your co-op—and others like it—there will be no basis for such questions.

It's not too difficult to see the real reason the power companies are out to get you. All the other "extras" they would pick up should they succeed—and they must not—would be chicken feed compared with not having your competitive influence to restrain them.

It was Mark Twain who said it clearly: "Few things are harder to put up with than the annoyance of a good example."

The power companies know this.



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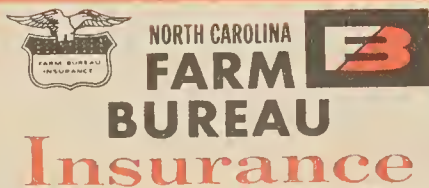
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THE FRONT PORCH *by Dick Pence*



For a number of years quite a few people—most of whom should know better—have been playing a little game they call "IN and OUT."

As the originators of this game explained way back at the very beginning, things can be IN or OUT for various reasons. For instance, something can be in because it's so obscure (Rudy Vallee records on 78 rpm), because it's grand and great (rural electrification), or because it's small and intimate (a country store).

People, on the basis of the places they go, the things they wear and what they do and say, can be classified as IN or OUT.

It all sounds simple—but before we play the game, one warning: Things that once were IN automatically become OUT as soon as enough people discover they're IN. Or something that has always been OUT can become IN when everybody but IN people get tired of it.

Take kerosene lamps. Twenty years ago it was definitely OUT

to have one of these—especially if you really needed it. But now that most folks have electricity, it's IN to have a kerosene lamp sitting around the house. (It's OUT to light it, however.)

Now that you know the ground rules (?), let's go.

- It's OUT to be seen shaking hands with a politician during an election year, but IN to shake his hand in the nonvoting years.

- It's OUT to own a gas stove. Sometimes it's so far OUT that holes are blown in the wall. People who own gas stoves are apt to go OUT with them.

- Silent light switches are IN. Light switches that click are OUT.

- Double-breasted suits are so far OUT, they're IN.

- Living in the country is IN—unless you have to, then it's OUT (I have a friend who disagrees. He says so many people are moving to the country these days that living there is OUT—unless you have to, then it's IN.)

- Foreign cars are OUT unless you're a foreigner.

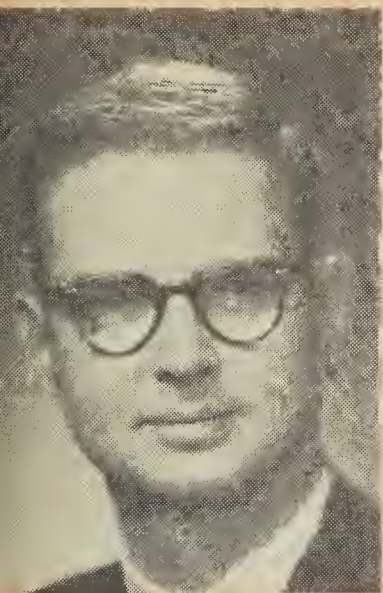
- Owning two home freezers is IN, especially if you fill them both.

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GERTRUDE *by Ted Trogdon*



"Let's face it—she just hates this new feed."



TARHEEL RURAL LINES

reports on events of importance
to rural electric co-op members

★ *New Hope Dam Project Sidetracked*

★ *Power Companies Step-Up REA Opposition*

★ *Consumers Need to Take Strong Stand*

By J. C. Brown Jr.

HOPES OF Eastern North Carolina for a key project in the development of the Cape Fear River Basin have been killed for the time being and Rep. Harold D. Cooley is taking all the credit.

The remainder of North Carolina's congressional delegation says he's welcome to it. Except for Mr. Cooley, all of the state's senators and representatives supported authorization of the multi-purpose project in the 87th Congress, which adjourned last month.

THE CORPS of Engineers had recommended that the key project—New Hope Dam on the Haw River in Chatham County—be authorized to provide for badly needed flood protection, pollution abatement, and recreation in the Cape Fear Basin.

Power was originally considered a major purpose of Cape Fear development, but power company-led opposition, displayed at a public hearing in 1957, prompted the Corps of Engineers to delete it—except as an incidental benefit. This, in effect, cut down on the size of the power installation to be provided for in construction, and thereby reduces the competitive effect that low-cost hydroelectric power would have on Carolina Power and Light Company's rates.

ELIMINATION OF power as a purpose of development also eliminates the cash register. In truly comprehensive water projects, power pays for itself and most of the other benefits. Rural electric cooperatives and municipal systems have a priority in purchasing power from Federal projects. Use of this priority at John H. Kerr Dam cut cooperative power costs in half for several systems in North Carolina.

CP&L's opposition to New Hope and other resource development projects is consistent with the current conspiracy of the investor-owned, commercial power companies to destroy the rural electric program by driving co-op costs up and preventing them from obtaining alternative sources of power.

THE LAUNCHING of the stepped-up campaign of destruction was announced by CP&L president L. V. Sutton last June 6 at a meeting of Edison Electric Institute in Atlantic City, N. J. In his talk, he outlined a four-point plan which would:

1. *Prohibit cooperatives from serving any loads that investor-owned*

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power companies want; in other words, the cooperatives could have the poorer loads, the commercial companies would take the best.

2. Deny the cooperatives the right to generate and transmit their own power.

3. Raise the costs of operation by raising the interest rate which the cooperatives pay for the money they borrow to build and heavy up their systems.

4. Further raise costs of the cooperatives by penalizing them with an arbitrary tax.

THE DESTRUCTION OF REA and the cooperatives is to be accomplished "by the coordinated effort of our [private power] industry on the national level, by careful attention of all of us on the local level, and by much perserverance and enthusiasm all along the line."

His prophecy is being carried out along with a simultaneous program of duplicating our facilities, invading areas where we serve, intensive lobbying of state and national legislators, and creating ill will for us among municipalities.

ALL ACROSS THE STATE, members of rural electric cooperatives apparently have recognized the destructive purpose of CP&L, and have adopted resolutions at their annual membership meetings asking the General Assembly to prevent this and other companies from invading their areas, and to give the cooperatives the right to continue to serve areas that are annexed by towns. (See story on page 7.)

Other consumers have become angered and alarmed by the viciousness (and cost) of CP&L's hate broadcasts, and have expressed themselves about it. The annual convention of the State AFL-CIO adopted a resolution last month which pointed out that CP&L's propaganda was paid for by the consuming public, and called for an investigation to determine whether a power company conspiracy did not exist to drive out all competition.

BUSINESS CUSTOMERS of CP&L, who recognize that their power rates would go up if the example of the rural electric cooperatives were eliminated, have also expressed concern.

There seems to be enough widespread interest in maintaining a healthy competition in our state to give birth to a statewide consumers' organization to keep an eye on conspiracies which are calculated to raise power rates.

So far, the rural electric cooperatives have been the sole watchdog for the public in this important area; and only a few months ago stepped in and prevented CP&L from inflicting a fuel clause in its contracts which would have taken customers for \$17½ million over a 10-year period.

Pitt and Greene Challenges CP&L

Again an electric membership corporation goes to court to protect its property.

THE COURTS of North Carolina are going to get another look at the territorial integrity problems of rural electric cooperatives. At stake again is what happens to an existing EMC line when a town annexes an area already served by co-op.

This time it's Pitt and Greene EMC which is trying to protect its property in an annexed area.

Here's the background in the case:

In 1948, Pitt and Greene built a line along a long, narrow road to serve two houses near Snow Hill. Later, when the Snow Hill bypass was built, this road was abandoned. As more people began building houses in this area, they requested and received service from Pitt and Greene.

In 1956, Carolina Power and Light Company and Pitt & Greene contracted that neither would distribute electric energy to anyone whose premises were within 300 feet of the existing lines of the other.

The town of Snow Hill extended its city limits in 1960 and annexed this area. CP&L has a franchise to provide electric service in the town of Snow Hill.

In May of 1962, an application was received for electric service to construct a new house on a lot located in this area and within 100 feet of the existing Pitt & Greene line.

In August, 1962, Carolina Power and Light constructed approximately 2,000 feet of new line and installed a temporary service behind the new residence (see sketch). The owner requested that Pitt & Greene discontinue their electric service.

Legal proceedings have been started by Pitt & Greene to determine if this extension is a violation of the contract between CP&L and Pitt & Greene.

This case is typical of many that face our rural electric co-

operatives today. As cities and towns grow, they move out to annex areas in which our cooperatives have made investments. Then the franchised power company in the city demands to serve those people in the annexed area—in spite of the fact they are already being served by existing co-op facilities.

This action is costly for everyone. First, electric co-op members lose because they must give up lines and members—and each member that is lost means one less who is helping the EMC repay its loans to the Rural Electrification Administration.

The private power company customers lose because they have to help pay for lines that are duplicating existing power lines.

The memberships of many of our State's rural electric co-ops have spoken out against the practice of the private power companies pirating cooperative service areas. In recent weeks resolutions calling for the protection of cooperative service areas have been adopted at annual meetings.

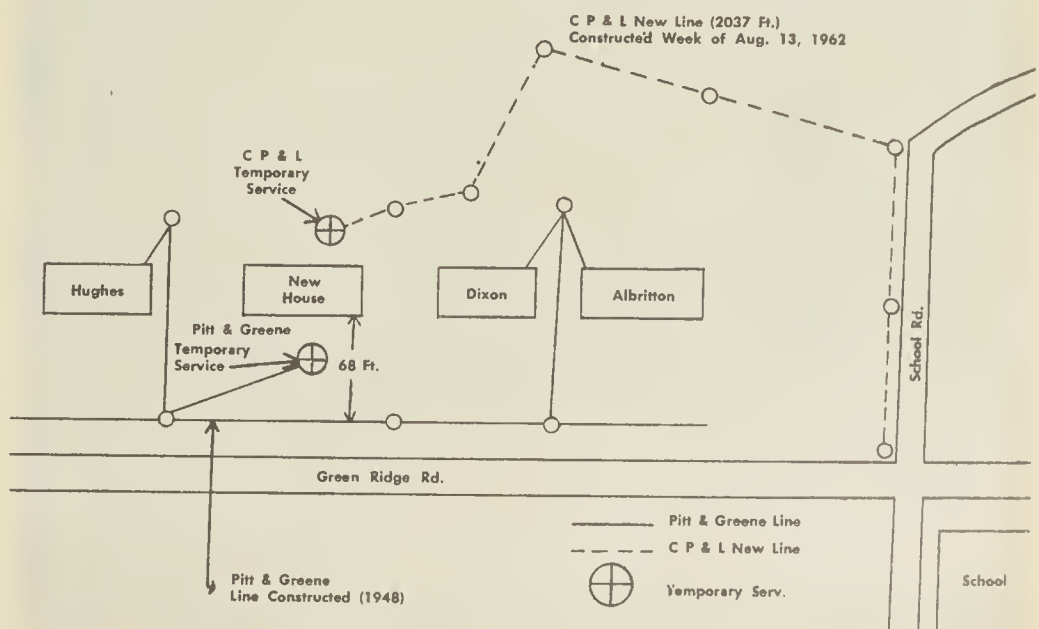
Among cooperatives whose members have adopted such resolutions recently are Blue Ridge, Four County, Central and Woodstock.

These resolutions pointed out that power companies are—wastefully and unnecessarily—duplicating cooperative facilities to deprive the co-ops of new consumers who build in areas long served by the co-ops. As this piracy continues, the rural electrification program is being drained of power revenues needed to make service available in the remote, sparsely-settled areas of the state.

The resolutions called upon the 1963 General Assembly to enact such legislation as is necessary to legally assure cooperatives of fair and equitable treatment.

Rural electric leaders in the state have said they may seek legislation next year because—in past cases—North Carolina courts have held that electric membership corporations can serve only present members in annexed areas. When a member dies or moves away the cooperative must discontinue service and remove its lines.

SNOW HILL, N. C.



HE LEADS THE PACK

By **DICK PENCE**



Wolfpack Captain Skip Matthews

EASTERN North Carolina football fans usually have a lot to cheer about each fall, but this year the folks around Hertford have plenty of opportunity to give their vocal chords an extra workout.

The reason for much of this pride—and vocal support—is Hazel (Skip) Matthews Jr., starting guard and captain of the North Carolina State College football team.

State College coach Earle Edwards will tell you something that Hertford folks knew all along: "Skip Matthews is making one of the best captains we've had in my experience—which goes back a long way. The proof of this is his conduct both off and on the field."

The coach adds: "He's as well-rounded an individual as anyone we've had on the squad."

The reasons for that statement become apparent when you look at Skip's record. In addition to being captain of the football team, he's president of the Monogram Club, president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, one of five student representatives on the State College Athletics Council and carries a "B" scholastic average—which has earned him a nomination to the Academic All-Atlantic Coast Conference football team.

Skip is living up to his rural background by taking agriculture at State—he's carrying a double major in plant protection and zoology. When he graduates this coming spring, he hopes to go to work for an insecticide or other chemical firm.

His leadership ability was apparent back in his high school days when he co-captained the football team his senior year and was a class officer. The Perquimans County High team had 7-3 records during Skip's last two years.

Even with this background, the road to success in big-time college football can be a rocky one for a smalltown high school player. This is another reason that the State coaching staff is high on the 22-year-old Hertford lad. "He's made himself a good football player," says Edwards. "When he came here he didn't have the experience and ability of some of our other players—but his desire to play and his hustle have enabled him to become one of our better players."

Back at the Matthews home on Rt. 2, Hertford, there's another Matthews boy, who—State College fans hope—is following in his older brother's footsteps. Seventeen-year-old Reed is currently co-captain and star fullback of the Perquimans County High team. Skip acknowledges that "Reed is the athlete in the family," but says the younger Matthews will make his choice of colleges without advice from him. "It would be fine if he went to State

says Skip, "but think of the arguments we could have if he went to Carolina!"

And beaming with justifiable pride over their two sons in the meantime are Mr. and Mrs. Hazel B. Matthews. The senior Matthews is owner-operator of a service station in Hertford and also has farming interests in the Hertford area. The church has always played an important role in the lives of the Matthews. They've been lifelong members of Anderson Methodist Church, where Mrs. Matthews has been a Sunday School teacher for 17 years. Mr. Matthews is treasurer of the Perquimans Methodist charge, composed of four churches.

Skip's activity as president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at State reflects this home life. The organization is devoted to emphasizing Christian principles in the athletic world. Last summer, Skip was a delegate to the annual gathering of the Fellowship at Lake Geneva, Wis.

He took the long way getting here, though. He spent the early part of the summer hitchhiking to California, where he fought forest fires for a while. Later he attended the World's Fair in Seattle before moving on to Wisconsin.

His parents proudly report that Skip earned all of his expenses on the trip and returned with \$400 left over.

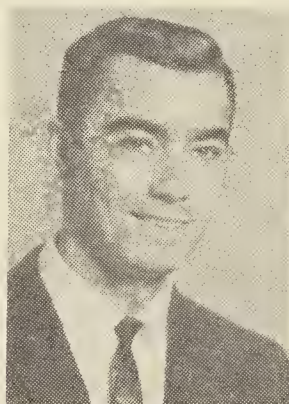
The community in which the Matthews live wasn't successful in receiving electricity until late in 1946, when lines were extended into the area by Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation. Skip has vague recollections of his father lighting and turning up an Aladdin lamp. His mother—whose memory of the time is a little sharper—says she thought Skip would wear out the new light switches in his curiosity over them.

It's a cinch that the 210 pounds that Skip carries today didn't come from flipping light switches but wherever they did come from, Coach Earle Edwards is happy to have them leading his team on the football field each Saturday.

And they're being carried around by a lad who's a leader both off and on the field. ◀



Coach Earle Edwards and Skip watch a Wolfpack gain from sidelines.

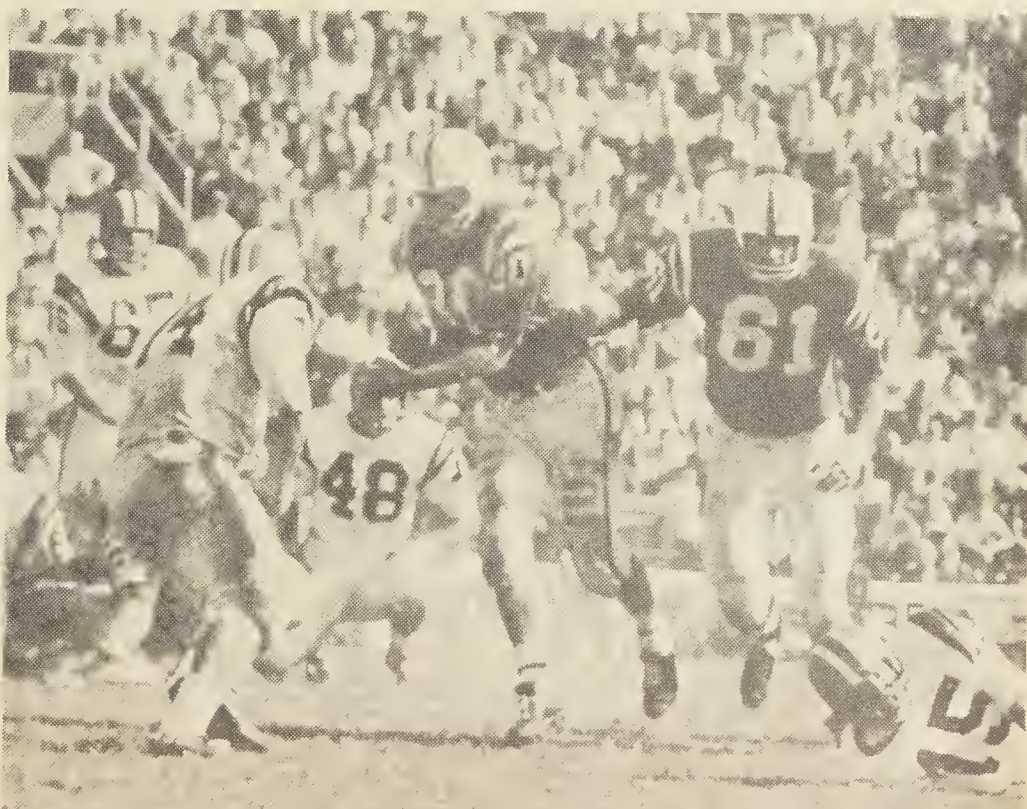


Above, younger brother Reed, star fullback at Perquimans High.

Right, Mr. and Mrs. Hazel B. Matthews, at their Hertford home.



Skip (No. 61) in action during a recent State College game.





The Color of the Day

By Robin Kellum Teachey

THE time of winter lay on the fields like a damp, ragged quilt, chilling everything beneath its pathwork of bleak grays and browns and whites. Autumn had slipped away in the night like a chicken thief, taking with it everything of green, yellow, red and gold. The pines whose trunks defied even the biggest man to try to slay them were changed to white, and every milkweed and Jerusalem stalk was broken and hidden beneath a cold quilt of thin snow.

The two-week-old baby lay deep in many covers beside Mama and whimpered like a puppy whose mammy didn't show at dinnertime. . . . "the new one won't be apt to make it, Miss Annie" . . . I heard the doctor with the sharp thin nose and thick glasses tell Mama. It was hard trying to stand still in the quilt closet so no one would know I was hidden there. And Mama had brought in her canned fruit and packed it under the company quilts when the first cold snap had come. An old trunk with a rusty oval lid took up most of the floor space.

. . . "You know, of course, your milk is fevered too, but I won't

say don't nurse her at all. She's too weak to put on anything else. The others are husky though. God willing, they'll all pass through it, none the worse for this blasted mess."

To an eight-year-old girl, all things are important and very, very real, and I wanted to cry and tell Mama she'd still have me. Even if the new baby died, there'd be me, Mama. And why wasn't an eight-year-old me enough for her, I wondered? Mama is so thin, I kept thinking. Maybe her too. But I can cook. This will all get better. It has to get better soon.

In the cold bedroom next to Mama's lay Willie, Larry and Clifton, all covered with the ugly sores of small pox and all dangerously fevered. Willie, the ten-year-old demon who only a few weeks past had stuck his tongue on the cold pump handle and left the skin and blood stuck on the frosty iron, because someone had told him that it would do just that; Larry, who had tied the cats tails together and hung them over the clothesline, just because he was a boy; and Clifton, who had blown up cleaned hog casings like long bad smelling balloons and put

them in Grandma's clean bed just because . . . well, because he was my brother, I suppose.

Now all lay terribly quiet and still and the doctor had insisted that they not have much cold water, else they might take pneumonia on the pox. Mama, too, had had it for a week. Even the new baby had a few bumps and ran high fever. Only Daddy and myself had missed it so far, but we too were as confined to the house as if we had been covered from toe to toe with the ugly sores.

Toward sunset I sat on the handmade cedar box that held our best linens and watched the sun try to show some red through the gray just before dark, but failed miserably. Instead a pale blueness fell over the yard. The porch peach trees stood out like stark-naked scarecrows and squatted close to the icy ground. Cold winter is a fearful thing with Mama down sick and unable to cook warm meals and tend to needs and wants. It is a stray dog just begging for half a chance to snap its ugly jaws at us.

Down the road apiece, I could see from my unladylike perch Grandma coming with a white

tied over her mouth and nose. She and Grandpa had never had the disease, and though they came twice a day to feed the hogs and chickens and milk the lean cow, they did not come inside the house. Grandma would bring one of her hot pot dinners and set it on the window ledge, and we did not raise the window and take it in till she was well down the sandy path . . . Each time she'd say . . . "Let me know, Will" . . . to Papa, stopping abruptly in her sentence, and he would nod gravely . . . Let her know? I wondered. What was there to let her know? Surely she already knew that we had a house full of sick ones.

It was a pathetically funny sight to see a big red-headed man try to cook for the first time in his life. He could build a roaring fire and make water boil, but vittle, he could not manage. He would set the bread tray down in the chair where I could reach it and brag on me while I made biscuits that would swell and crack wide open.

Once he tried to manage corn cakes on the top of the wood range, and he flipped one right on the surface of the stove where it sputtered and burned black in no time flat. It was sure a good thing Mama was not in hearing range, or she'd have had to caution him again about swearing in front of the youngins. He could clear more new ground, hunt better, plow a straighter row and curse louder and with more variety than any man in the community. Moreover, he was a hot-blooded, fiery tempered Papa, and he'd laughingly tell Mama . . . "What's in the blood will out," and she'd tell him sternly, "Well, don't let it come out in front of the children, please!"

The next morning a lump too big to swallow down came in my throat and stayed when Papa told me ominously, "It's just possible that I'm taking the blasted mess too, now mind you, that I'm saying for sure, but you know what to do, don't you, girl? Just in case?"

"I don't think so, Papa. I can't make the fire go in the stove by myself."

"Just don't let it go out. Hear? Grandpa will keep all the wood

you will need laying on the back porch. Use all you want, but don't let the fire go out. Understand?"

For the first time since Willie had come home sick, I was a frightened little girl. What if the kerosene lamp turned over with me like it had with Mama one time? What if the baby died? Oh, there were a thousand "ifs" and "what ifs" just lining up and charging at me like angry yearlings and I went over and hugged Papa's thick overalled leg tightly and sobbed.

By nightfall, the snow had melted until black patches of earth showed all over the fields and birds were once again scratching for grain left over from the fall pulling. One soybean. One anything, to ward off starvation one more day. And by evening, Papa lay on a quilt in front of the big fireplace in the sitting room and groaned and talked wildly about dogs and deer and snakes and babies and Mama.

None of it made sense to me and I couldn't think of anything to do for him except pull the quilt up around him. . . . "Don't get so close to me" . . . Mama scolded loudly when I buried my head down in the quilts that covered her thin frame . . . "You've got to stay well. See if you can't get a little whiskey in Papa now."

I didn't want to be the only well one and I was terribly afraid that God would know and punish me for it. I wanted to lie in bed and be sick and waited on like the rest. The weight of responsibility was like a homemade billy goat yoke. It didn't fit well on my small shoulders. I put my head on Mama's bed.

"I wanted to be an angel, Mama," I sobbed.

"Don't say that!"

"In my school play, I mean, Mama."

"Oh. That! Well, there'll be no play for you now, honey."

"God don't care a thing about us," I said. I was sure of it, too.

"He cares," she said softly into the small baby's red ear. "He'll send help. I've asked him this afternoon and I know he'll answer."

"Nobody'll come, Mama. Grandpa and Grandma won't even come. There's nobody."

"I don't know who, but he'll

send someone. Try to be brave and wait."

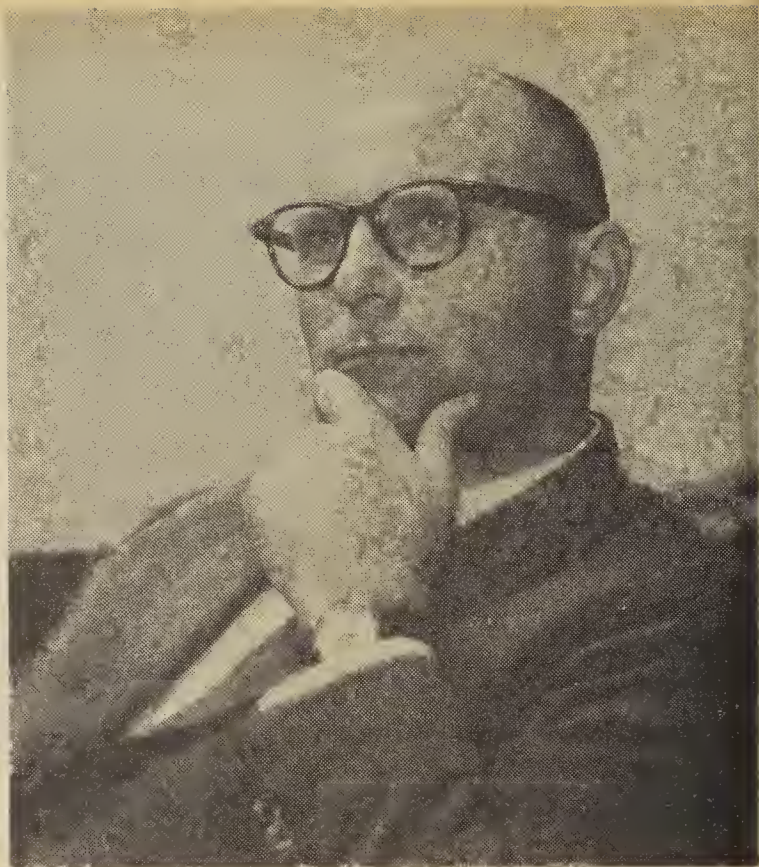
By morning Papa was unconscious and there was also a big sore on the tip of my short nose. The tears I cried upon seeing myself in the mirror would have filled a short half gallon. On my nose, of all places. I put some of Mama's powder on it and tried to hide it. I could foresee a deep hole right there for the rest of my life. "She's an old maid, you know. Had small pox on her nose. Boys hated her after that. She couldn't be an angel in the school play either. Too' ugly to be an angel ever again" . . . Oh, Papa. Please, I prayed, Please be well! Please try to get up and help me. The fire has gone out. I didn't remember to bank the coals and set the damper like you tole me. I can't cook now. I can't do anything right. And now I've got it on my nose.

I pressed my ugly nose against the window and tried to tell Grandma that Papa was sick, but she made funny signs. I saw water come out of her eyes and all over her homemade mask, each tear big and salty and bitter over her own frustrations and inabilities. Outside, the clouds were banking up against the now green scrub pines in the meadow and it looked as if they were going to cover the land with snow again. The cow bellowed as if in agony in her damp, manurey stable, and every brother wanted water at one time . . . I'm just me, I told the walls. I have just two legs. Two little thin legs. Don't call my name all the blasted time . . . I had already torn up all the extra sheets in the house to use for diapers and was now well on to the pillow cases.

"Put a small piece of lightwood under the wood, honey," Mama told me when the fire in her room burned dangerously low. I squatted and watched the fire devour the tar out of the lightwood like a hungry hound after a good dumpling cooked on top of collards. Soon it kindled up and burned brightly again, but I squatted still, dreading to move. So many things. So many things that must be done. And Papa probably dying. Surely the doctor would come today. He had missed two

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The Battle is underway, and the coming year may see important changes made in the laws under which utilities are regulated in this state. It's a matter that deserves the attention of all citizens.



Commissioner Thomas Eller

What About Utilities Laws?

ONE THING that's going to get a good going over between now and the time the General Assembly packs up and heads home from Raleigh next year is the subject of utilities regulation.

The General Statutes Committee is already hard at work on recommendations to present to the General Assembly. Attorney Ed Hipp has prepared a report that the Commission is discussing now—and on which they may hold public hearings later.

Although Hipp's report has not been released to the public, it is expected that he has provided for changes in utilities regulation by amendments to existing laws rather than through complete revision of the statutes. This later approach is one recommended by Utilities Commissioner Thomas Eller, who has been outspoken in calling for changes in our utilities regulation laws. He has prepared a 165-page report containing a complete utility code revision.

However, it is considered unlikely that such a wholesale revision is in the offing. The General Statutes Commission has already said it will consider the Eller report, but will not approach the problem from the complete revision standpoint.

Amidst all this talk of utilities are some points which are of vital interest to members of rural electric co-ops.

For instance, the Eller report, while it wouldn't place rural electric co-ops under the Commission for regulation of rates or services, would require the co-ops to obtain certificates of convenience of necessity from the Commission before they could construct generation and transmission facilities.

This would be a situation North Carolina's EMCs could not tolerate, for it would effectively deprive them of any bargaining power when seeking wholesale power from the private power companies at reasonable terms

and rates. The right of co-ops to generate their own electricity is one which gives them an assist at the bargaining table. If a certificate of convenience and necessity were required, the private companies could—as has been the case time after time in other states—block the proposed facilities before the Utilities Commission.

Rural electrics contend—and rightly—that there is no reason for them to come under Commission jurisdiction: As owners of their own corporation, they have the right to set their own rates and terms of service.

However, some of Eller's proposals deserve serious consideration.

First, his proposals call for the Commission's staff to be "moved a step away from the Commission and a step closer to the public." This will allow the staff to institute, prosecute, and appeal from cases before the Commission—

GRANGE BACKS CO-OPS

N. C. State Grange says: "It is important that the territorial integrity of the Electric Membership Corporations be preserved."

Members of the North Carolina State Grange adopted strong resolutions backing the rural electrification program and calling for an up-dating of utilities regulation laws at their annual convention in Kinston last month.

In his report to the delegate body State Master Robert Scott also hit hard at many items of interest and importance to members of rural electric cooperatives.

"Private power companies are the first to yell 'private enterprise' when describing their own operations and 'socialism' when referring to cooperative utilities," said Scott. "An examination of the facts clearly shows they have little room to yell anything: (1) they operate in defined areas under protective franchise with no competition allowed; (2) their franchise protection provides them with captive customers; (3) they are guaranteed a profit under law on their operations and thus risk no loss in their capital investment; (4) the capital rate levels allow all the cost of doing business, including the taxes they shout so much about, highly paid lobbyists, interest on borrowed money, and the cost of advertising campaigns against the co-operatives; (5) amortization of their capital plant investment on accelerated rates, which is a preferential treatment that gave private utilities over \$3.2 billion rapid amortization certificates from 1950 to 1959.

"Private power companies have done well and will continue to do so, because they are guaranteed a profit. You don't see any of them going broke. It is the public that needs protection. It is the territory of the customer-owned cooperatives that is be-

ing eroded away, not that of private utilities."

Scott also pointed out earlier in his speech that "any program to develop our water resources should take into consideration all the factors involved, including soil and water conservation, irrigation, industrial and municipal water supply, flood control, recreation, power, underground water reserves, forests, crops and animals, and human values."

The resolution on rural electrification adopted by the Grange said, "It is important that the territorial integrity of the Electric Membership Corporations be preserved.

"The members of these cooperatives provided services in areas where no other service was available. Their rights within those service areas should be recognized and respected. It is our hope that a satisfactory solution to this problem will be worked out by the North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority and the State Utilities Commission so that needless controversy and conflict can be avoided. If such an agreement is not secured, we recommend the Master of the State Grange be authorized to seek legislation on territorial integrity."

Another resolution commended the General Statutes Commission for conducting studies on utilities regulation laws and endorsed the idea of public hearings on these changes. The Grange also continued its opposition to the sale of Nantahala Power and Light Company to Duke Power Company and the proposed Nantahala rate increase. It favors TVA power in the area, to be distributed by the Haywood Electric Membership Corporation and/or Blue Ridge Electric Association, and/or Nantahala.

conferring on the staff the role of "public defender." At present, the staff is not free to exercise its initiative in representing the unorganized public.

Eller's revision also calls for new sections designed to insure that utility regulation is carried out under the highest ethical conditions. These involve prohibitions and penalties against conflicts of interest, improper contacts and influences, activities of lobbyists and pressure groups, misuse of public office and political subterfuge.

Every public utility would be required to make disclosure of all its expenditures for political activities, advertising, lobbying, and otherwise influencing legislation. All such expenditures would be stockholder expenses.

This would likely cut-back the heavy anti-co-op campaigns now being conducted by many utilities.

Eller would also revise and clarify the rate-making procedure to "make it more realistic."

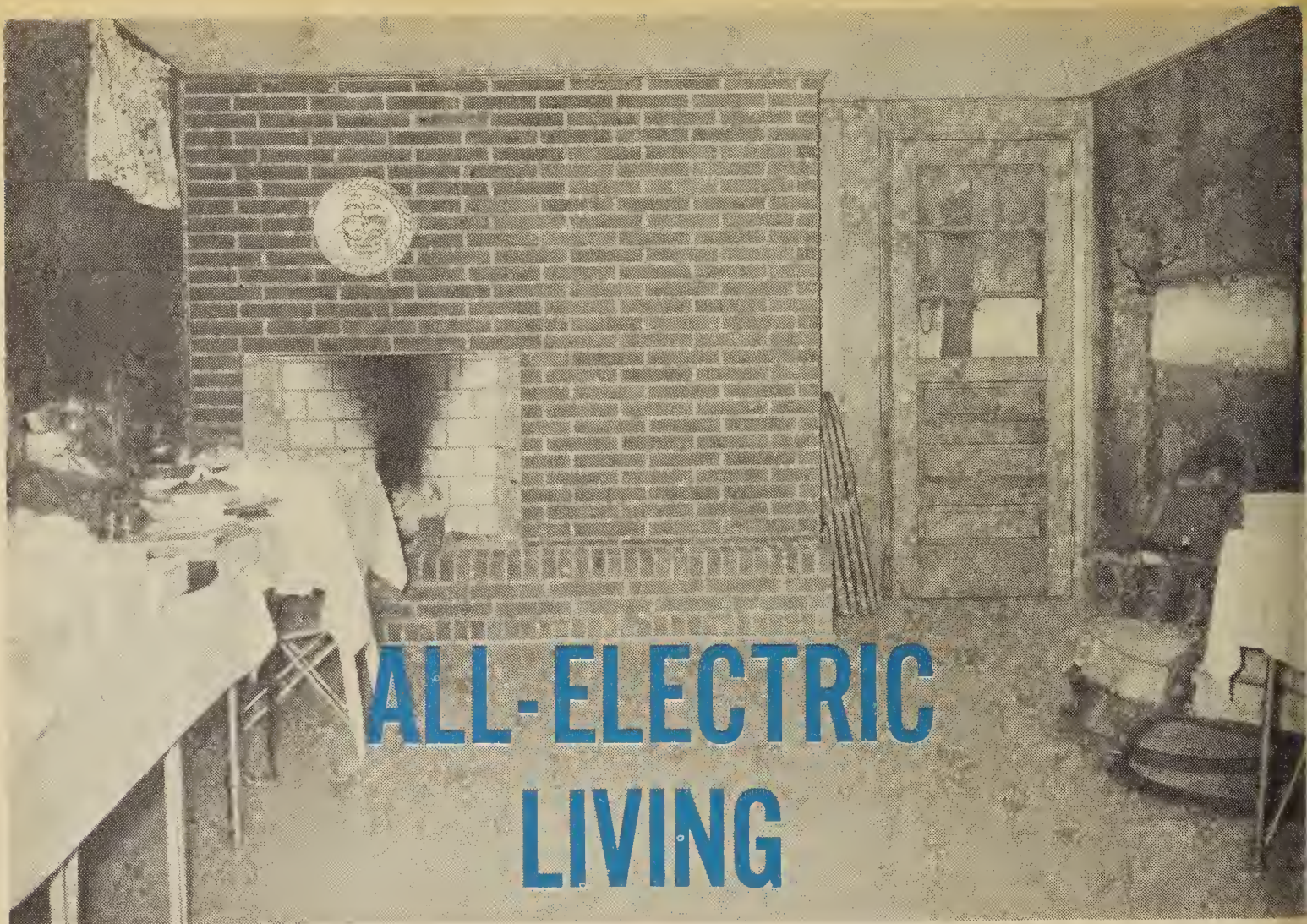
Present rates are fixed upon the basis of a fictional "value" of property concept. Eller's proposed statute would base utility rates on the principle other businessmen look to: the return on their actual investment.

His report also calls for a standing committee to screen the Governor's appointees to the Commission, and outlines qualifications of members of the Commission.

These are just a few of the sweeping changes advocated by Eller. It's not likely that a great majority of them will be presented to the General Assembly for action, since the General Statutes Commission has indicated it will rely more heavily on the Hipp report.

But no matter what the final results of these studies are, it's a cinch that few things will affect the pocketbooks of North Carolina consumers more than will this issue. In its day-to-day activities the Commission acts on countless issues which determine how much you pay for utility services and just what these services shall be.

It's a matter that deserves the close study of every citizen.



ALL-ELECTRIC LIVING

No unsightly ducts to occupy space and mar the beauty of this basement! This livable basement is complete with living room, kitchen, bath, and bedroom.



Mrs. Shearon, with daughters Alice (left) and Betty, writes thank you notes to the many friends and neighbors who brought gifts for their house-warming shower. Another daughter, Lois, is a freshman in college at Mars Hill.

IN the not-too-distant future we may be looking at flame-type furnaces with the same historical curiosity that we now see in the potbellied stove. Many families like Mr. and Mrs. Vassar Shearon of Rt. 2, Wake Forest are getting away from the idea that in order to heat a house you've got to burn something.

In this new home on the lines of Wake EMC nothing burns to provide the heat. In fact, there's no visible means of heating it. If you weren't aware of the fact that there is such a method of heating, you'd think the builder pulled a boner and forgot to provide for heating.

You see, the heat will come from electric resistance heating cable which is concealed within the ceiling. And the only visible evidence that it has a heating system at all is a small thermostat on the wall of each room.

The Shearons moved into their new home on Sept. 1 of this year and the heat has been on for short

The Vassar Shearons of rural Wake Forest find the living is comfortable, clean and easy in their new all-electric home. Let's look through their home with Archie Hathcock.

periods of time on the few chilly nights since then. Consequently, the Shearons have had only a little experience on which to base their convictions. But they are completely convinced that their decision to install electric heat was the right one.

L. K. Stephenson, Electrification Advisor for Wake EMC, helped the Shearons make their decision. By calculating the amount of heat that would be lost through windows, walls, doors, etc., Stephenson was able to figure the total amount of heat that would be necessary in order to maintain the desired temperature level in even the coldest weather. The insulation and wiring contractors followed the recommendations made by Stephenson.

The house contains nearly 3,000 square feet of living area—all of which can be heated electrically. Resistance wiring to provide a total of 13,000 watts of heat was installed. In order to decrease the amount of heat necessary, the Shearons had the contractor install 6 inches of insulation in the ceiling, 4 inches in the outside walls, and 3 inches in the floor. Vapor barriers, storm windows and storm doors were also installed in order to cut down on the amount of heat lost.

"We seriously looked into the possibility of installing a heat pump," says Vassar, "but the cost far exceeded the cost of this system, we decided against it."

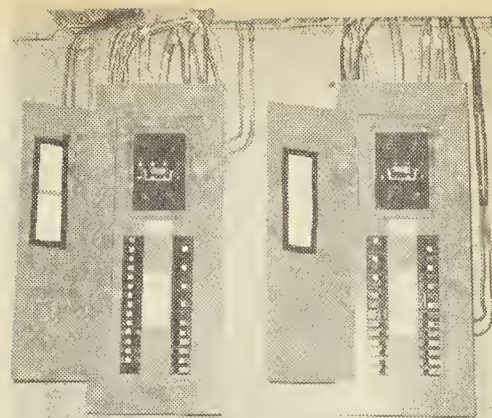
"Another thing which caused us to make the decision we did was that with this system there were no heat ducts to interfere with finishing the basement," Vassar added.

Actually, electric heating had many points in its favor. Every room can be individually heated to the desired temperature of the occupant. The completely finished basement can be heated to the

same temperature as the rest of the house, or it can be heated only when in actual use. Their electric heat will be clean, fast, and quiet.

According to the standards adopted by Wake EMC, the Shearons' home qualifies for the Bronze Medallion. If, however, central cooling had been installed, the home would have qualified for the Gold Medallion. "We did have a room-type air conditioner installed that will cool our den and adjoining kitchen, but we don't think we will need any more cooling than that anyway," says Mrs. Shearon.

The Shearons have been married 22 years and for most of those years lived nearby in the old



One of these 200-ampere switch boxes controls the circuits for the electric heat, and the other serves the remainder of the electrical load. Wake EMC has metered the heating separately so that actual heating costs can be determined.

home place of Vassar's parents. This new home is something they have waited for a long time, and it's as modern as it could be made—it's all electric. Silent wall switches, radio intercom, and all of their electrical appliances will afford them pleasant living for many years.



Being a farmer and "on every committee in Wake County," according to Mrs. Shearon, Vassar finds their new home completely enjoyable whenever his work permits his being with his family.

Thanksgiving Treats



This happens to be a roast chicken, but it could be a turkey, or any other festive bird for the table. Tuck in a spicy rice stuffing with juicy grapes and crunchy pecans.

You probably can't talk your family out of cornbread stuffing for the turkey, or pumpkin pie for dessert, but try—anyhow. The fall months are what we've always referred to mentally as Good Cooking Weather. That's when the yams are juicy, and the apples sizzle in the skillet and bubble in the pastry. Sunshine glints in a special, golden sort of way, and firewood rationed by the back door begins to need replenishing. It's a good time to drag out the favorite cookbooks and to try some new recipes, like these. They're tested, of course:

SPICED RICE WITH ROAST CHICKEN

- 1/2 cup uncooked rice
- 1/2 cup chopped green onions (tops included)
- 1/2 cup diced celery
- 1 1/2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1 can (8 oz.) white grapes, drained (reserve liquid)
- Chicken stock
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon allspice
- 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- Pinch of ginger
- 1/4 cup chopped pecans
- 1 (3 1/2 to 4 lb.) roasting chicken

In a heavy saucepan, saute rice, onions and celery in butter until rice is golden. Combine grape liquid and enough chicken stock to make 2 1/4 cups. Stir into rice mixture. Season with sugar, salt, allspice, nutmeg, pepper and ginger. Bring to a boil. Stir. Cover and cook over low heat for 15 minutes. Stir in grapes and pecans. Rinse chicken with cold water.

Drain and pat dry with paper towels. Spoon rice mixture lightly into body cavity. Insert skewers across opening and lace closed with clean white cord. Spoon some rice mixture into neck cavity. Fold neck skin over stuffing and fasten with a skewer.

Fold wings so tips are across back of chicken. Tie drumsticks to tail. Put chicken on rack in shallow roasting pan. Brush with fat or oil. Roast at 375°F., 30 minutes per pound. Brush occasionally with additional fat or baste with drippings.

To test for doneness, grasp drumstick bone between thumb and forefinger, using paper towel to prevent burning fingers. If the joint moves up and down easily, chicken is done. If you like, arrange small bunches of seedless grapes around chicken about 15 minutes before removing from oven. Pack leftover Spiced Rice into greased custard cups. Turn out on platter to garnish chicken. Makes 4 servings.

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SPICY PUMPKIN CAKE

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 3/4 cup chopped pecans
- 2 1/2 cups sifted cake flour
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon cloves
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 cup cooked pumpkin

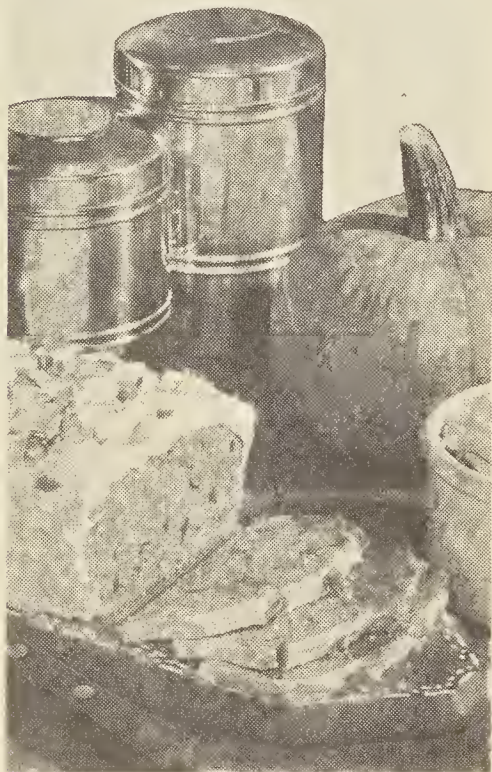
Butter and flour pan; set aside. In mixing bowl cream butter and sugar; add egg and beat until light and fluffy. Stir in nuts. Sift together flour, nutmeg, cloves, cinnamon, baking soda and salt. Add a third of the dry ingredients to creamed mixture; mix well. Stir in milk. Add remaining dry ingredients alternately with pumpkin.

Pour into pan; bake 50-60 minutes. Cool 10 minutes; turn out on cake rack. When completely cool frost with Creamy Butter Frosting*. If desired garnish top with additional chopped pecans. Loaf pan, 9 1/2 x 5 1/4 x 2 3/4 - inch. 8-10 servings. Preheated 350° oven.

*Creamy Butter Frosting

- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter
- 2 cups sifted confectioners sugar
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla

In mixing bowl cream butter; blend in half of confectioners sugar. Mix in milk and vanilla; add remaining confectioners sugar and beat until smooth. Makes enough to frost 9 x 5 x 3-inch loaf cake.



Pecans and pumpkin combine in a new, spicy cake topped with creamy butter frosting.



Make These For Gifts

1. Handsome pillow cover, above, is knitted, rather than crocheted. Ask for Leaflet No. PK 2285.

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Use scraps—the brighter, the better—for this plumply padded TV turtle. Pattern 504: pattern pieces; directions 15½ x 19-inch cushion.

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Woman Talk



...with Lee

Kitchen Corner

Our magazine mailbag is fascinating. Some mornings, our Jane Godwin has trouble even lifting all the letters and folders out of the mailbox.

On other days, there's only a small pile on the sorting desk. Football season and the World Series, we imagine, have some effect on letter-writing.

But almost every day in our Teen Roundtable mail, there are variations of this letter:

"Should a girl let a boy kiss her on their first date?"

I am thinking of running through the duplicating machine some thousands of copies of just one word: "No!"

With a mental postscript: "Don't worry. He'll be back, if he really likes you. If not—you're better off."

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A note from an advertising corporation tells of:

"A fine Christmas gift for the person who has everything or nothing. This person may be you."

It is. It is.

The letter goes on: "Why not be kind to yourself as well as others? Give an item that will be appreciated by any person who sleeps, and that is everyone."

(Everyone, that is, but Eloise and Archie Hathcock, who have a new baby daughter. Archie's our statewide advertising and power use director. It seems Baby Hathcock hasn't yet discovered the blessings of sleep at nighttime.)

Incidentally, the advertising letter concerns a new mattress type electric bed warmer. It warms the bed, it seems, and therefore, you.

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A friend in Eastern Carolina relates a mirthful event during judging of a recent beauty contest.

The girls had suffered through the swimsuit competition and evening gown categories, and were down to the crucial moment of The Question, a division that counted greatly in final judging.

The judge asked the first pretty blonde in the lineup this question:

"If you're chosen Miss Carolinaville, what will you do for humanity?"

The contestant blushed and gave her answer:

"Well, just anything he wants me to, I reckon."

Fall brings a harvest of apples and cool weather recipes. These came in the mail from co-op homemakers this month:

TART APPLE JELLY

Use sour fruit, and do not core or pare. Merely wash, dry and cut out blemishes. Cut up, pour sufficient water over fruit to cover, and simmer until soft. Drain through a cheesecloth or cotton flannel bag, letting drip four or five hours. (I let mine drip all night.)

Measure the juice, bring to a vigorous boil and skim. Add $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar for each cup of juice. Stir until sugar is dissolved. The jelly will form in about 20 minutes. Rose geranium, mint or other leaves may be used for flavoring, or orange blossoms preserved.

—Sent by Mrs. L. P. Sherman, Rt. 1, Rougemont, N. C., who says she made 70 pints of apple and grape jelly by this recipe. A similar recipe was submitted by Mrs. Lee Hayes, Rt. 1, Box 52, Vilas, N. C.

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Pumpkin pie, lard piecrust and yeast doughnuts are favorite recipes of Mrs. Mary Cockrell, whose family is served by Woodstock EMC at Belhaven, N. C.

They moved to Pantego about six years ago from Tipton, Indiana. The Cockrell's 17-year old son attends Pantego High school, where he is a junior.

PUMPKIN PIE

1 can pumpkin	$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
2 eggs	1 teaspoon cinnamon
$\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar	$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon nutmeg
$1\frac{1}{2}$ cups evaporated milk	$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon cloves

Lard Pie Crust

3 cups sifted plain flour
1 cup lard
1 teaspoon salt

and enough ice water to make a soft dough. This is enough for two double-crust pies. Blend filling and pour into crusts; bake pies at 300 degrees for 1 hour.

YEAST DOUGHNUTS

$1\frac{1}{2}$ cups scalded milk	2 teaspoons salt
Add to milk:	$\frac{1}{4}$ cup lard
$\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar	2 beaten eggs

Cool, dissolve two packages of yeast in $\frac{1}{4}$ cup lukewarm water. Add to first mixture with 5-6 cups flour, enough to make a dough, not sticky. Place in large bowl and let rise until double in bulk.

Knead, let rise 10 minutes more. Roll out one inch thick; let rise until double in bulk. Fry in hot lard. Dip in a glaze made by adding boiling water to powdered sugar. Cool.

Some Tempting New Ideas for Jiffy Foods

COCONUT BALLS

Cut leftover angel food cake into pieces 2" square. Gently mold into balls. Dip into fluffy white frosting. Roll in moist shredded coconut.

SKILLET VEGETABLES

Combine 2 cups cut-up carrots, green beans or summer squash with 1 tbsp. vegetable oil in 10" skillet; stir over heat 1 or 2 min. Add boiling water to half the depth of vegetables and $\frac{3}{4}$ tsp. salt. Cover and simmer 10 to 15 min. Uncover and continue cooking until water boils away. 4 servings.

PIZZA APPETIZERS

Using refrigerated pizza, pat and stretch dough into 12x10" rectangle on greased baking sheet. Spoon on the tomato sauce and add favorite meat and cheese toppings. Bake 20 to 25 min. in 425° oven. Cut into bite-size squares with kitchen shears or pastry wheel. Makes about 60.

ONION BISCUIT BREAD

Here's the perfect hot bread to serve with barbecued or roast meats. Add $\frac{2}{3}$ cup milk all at once to 2 cups biscuit mix. Stir with fork into a soft dough. Add 1 tbsp. instant minced onion. Beat 20 strokes. Spread on greased baking sheet in 10x8" oblong. Bake 10 min. in 450° oven. Serve hot, broken in pieces.

SKILLET GOOD

For dinner-on-the-double, a new idea is Cheeseburger Skillet. While the oven preheats to 500° combine 1 lb. ground beef, 2 tbsp. instant minced onion, 1 tsp. garlic powder, salt and pepper. Spread half in an 8" skillet, then lay 5 slices Cheddar cheese over meat. Spread rest of meat over cheese and pop it in the oven. After 10 minutes of baking, switch to broil and broil 5 minutes. Serve in 4 giant wedges.

MALLOW-FROSTED MILK CHOCOLATE CAKE

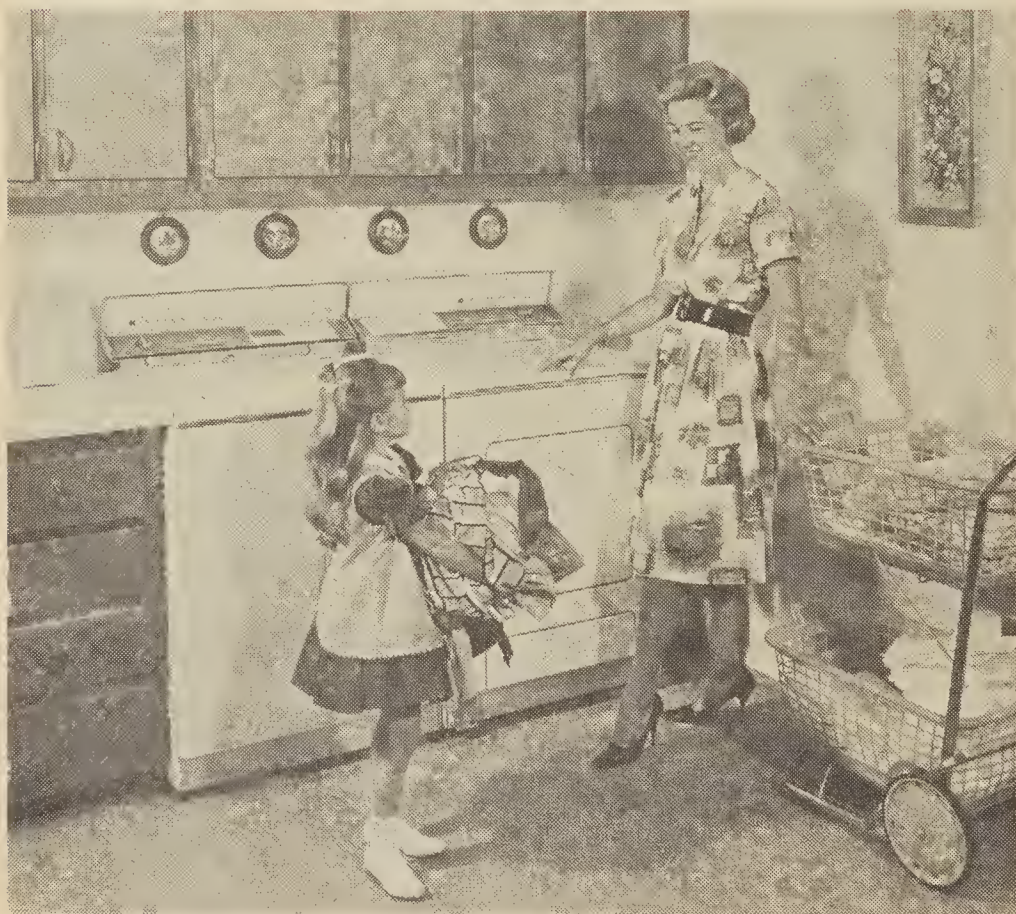
First, bake milk chocolate cake mix in an oblong pan. Second, prepare fluffy white frosting mix as directed on the package, folding in 12 marshmallows, cut up. Third, frost cake and sprinkle with $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped nuts.

BUFFET EGGS

Melt 3 tbsp. butter in skillet. Add $\frac{1}{4}$ cup finely chopped green onion tops; saute. Beat 9 eggs well and stir in 4 oz. dried beef, torn, and 1 cup cottage cheese. Scramble all until eggs are set. Serve to six.

DATE CREAM PIE

Next time you're hostess for bridge, serve this breezy crust mix. Prepare a package of vanilla pudding or pie filling mix. When filling has cooled a bit, fold in $\frac{3}{4}$ cup chopped pitted dates. Turn into pie shell, chill.



Laundry
Twins
Expand

Typical of the trend toward greater capacity in home laundry equipment is this new 1963 automatic washer and dryer. The load now is 12 pounds, instead of the former 9. The washer now soaks, bleaches, dyes and sprinkle



The fall season is here and it's a good time to give or get an electric blanket. These bed coverings are light, but will provide all the warmth you need even on the coldest nights.

A hint for best blanket operation: Find the warmth level you like on the control and set it there before going to bed. The blanket will preheat to the level you set. Setting the control higher than you need does not make the blanket heat faster, it only makes warmer.

Lower Hot Water Cost

If a water heater has to be connected too far from the point of greatest use, hot water will be left standing in the pipe and lose heat. While it loses heat, you're losing money. Electric water heaters can usually be located nearer the

point of frequent hot water use than can be a flame type water heater. Thus the versatility of electricity can mean a saving for you.

Christmas Lighting

If the children are already reminding you that Christmas is soon coming, perhaps it's a good time to give some thought to decorative lighting and the safety precautions you should take when using it.

If you're using the same wiring that has been used for several years, for safety's sake check it closely to see that there are no breaks or cracks in the insulation. If so, it's probably too old for safe use.

Each year numerous fires are caused by faulty wiring on Christmas decorations—particularly on Christmas trees in the home.

Prevent Frozen Pipes

Frozen water lines and faucets can be prevented during the com-

ing winter months by wrapping exposed areas with a resistance heating tape. This flexible, weather-proof tape can be purchased in a variety of lengths from any electrician.

Heating tapes with built-in thermostat will cost a little more initially, but the convenience of not having to disconnect it on warm days will more than offset the additional cost.

When buying heating tapes look for the UL seal of approval and follow manufacturers instructions for installing.

THE FRONT PORCH

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with more home-grown vegetables than you could possibly eat in a year.

● Christmas parades before Thanksgiving are OUT.

● Watching television is OUT, unless you have a tiny portable set with a 5-inch screen (made in Japan), or a giant color set with a 27-inch screen.

● Player pianos are IN, unless you've always had one, then they're OUT.

● Shopping downtown is IN, unless you have fewer than two giant shopping centers you can patronize.

● Fur coats are out, unless you can't afford one, in which case they are definitely IN. Growing the fur for your own coat is IN, however.

● Private power companies have always been OUT, in spite of all their advertisements which tell you they are IN.

● Columns about IN and OUT are OUT, but not as far OUT as people who write them.

(P.S. People who say they're IN are automatically OUT. On the other hand people who say they are OUT are also OUT. Just talking about it gets you in trouble.)

Rural Exchange

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ANNUAL MEETINGS

Arteret-Craven Electric Membership Corporation on Saturday, December 1 in the high school auditorium beginning at 7 a.m. Will have approximately 30 FREE prizes.

YOUTH RIVER ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION on Friday, November 16 at the Dunn Armory beginning at 7 p.m. Will have approximately \$1,000 in FREE prizes.

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The Color of the Day

By Robin Kellum Teachey

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days already.

Late in the afternoon with the first snowflakes already falling and blotting out the sickly sun, there came a strong knock on the back kitchen door. Not the gentle tap of the doctor, but a knock with real strength behind its fist. Surely not Grandpa! Mama had said . . . but that couldn't be . . .

Opening the door with childish fear, I was dumbfounded. There stood Aunt Mary, big as all outside, strong as a bull and twice as sassy, and carrying her eternal brown satchel on her arm and wearing a white apron starched as stiff as a cypress board.

"We're sick, Aunt Mary. You can't come in."

"Says who, child?" and she stepped loudly and firmly through the doorway and into the cold kitchen.

"What? No fire in the stove on a day like this? How's Mister Will?"

I was so glad to see her and so overwhelmed that I couldn't answer her with words, but I fell into her starched apron and hugged her tightly.

Her mother had been Grandpa's Mammy and though the War had freed them, they had remained very dear friends of our family through all the years. After all, the War had left Grandpa's family very poor, and poverty is a mutual friend among neighbors. They lived just a skip across the branch on their own land, and Aunt Mary had grown up there and she had stayed in our home many times at the birth of Mama's babies and other sicknesses.

Always, at Christmas time, she come to do our cooking, because there was no one else who could cook like her. She'd cook a ham in the washpot outdoors and the aroma would bring dogs out of the woods for miles around, and make men turn in at our gate, hoping to get a bite of it when she took it up. On the nights she stayed with us, me and Willie would fight like the devil over whose turn it was to sleep with her, and she'd laugh and say, "The Lord he give me two sides. One for you

and one for you." And then she'd take both of us to bed with her.

Well. I tell you this. She put our house in order in one hurry. She covered Papa and gave him plenty of cold water to drink and put cold rags on his forehead. What the doctor said meant nothing to her. She knew best. She believed she did, and I believed her, too. She would not even listen to Mama's "no's" but forced soup down her, and she wrapped the little baby up and took it up on her bosom and rocked in front of the warm fire until baby's whimper slowly died to a burp and a contented sigh, and it fell sound asleep for the first time. And how she handled those boys. Better'n Papa even. What she said, they did!

"Weren't you afraid of us, Aunt Mary," I quizzed her while sitting up on a keg beside the stove, restored to childhood again, while she had her arms up to her elbows in biscuit dough.

. . . "Well. Yes and no. T'other night, I was saying my prayers same as ordinary, and the Lord He said, 'Hush your mouth for a minute Mary and let me talk. Mis-

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ter Will's family is laid low with the pox. Go feed my sheep' . . . and I said right back, Lord, I ain't never had small pox. People die with it, and he said louder, 'Go feed my sheep, Mary. I am the Shepherd' . . . and I woke Jame and told him, and he said, 'Get up and take a pinch of soda. You ate too much greens for supper and now you havin' spells.' But I knew better, and I told him to just look for me back when he saw me . . .

The frying ham bubbled in its own grease in the black iron pan and the white rice bubbled out of its silver colored boiler on the stove, and red sweet potatoes lay baking inside the oven, and brown coffee bubbled its tune in a battered blue-enameled pot, and there was color everywhere again.

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Ann Yates of Valle Crucis school sent in this month's question. Ann is 14 years old and in eighth grade, and her main interests are horseback riding, boating and sewing. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Yates, Route 1, Vilas, N. C., Blue Ridge EMC members.

"SHOULD TEENAGERS HAVE PARTIES WITHOUT CHAPERONES?"

BETTY KAY PRICE
Taylorsville, N. C.

"In my opinion, parents should be at home as official party chaperones. They can retire to the den or their bedroom for most of the evening, but they should be on hand at least to meet and greet your guests as they arrive. Even if Mom and Dad trust you to run things with no assistance, your guests' parents probably expect at least one adult to be present. You owe it to them to stick by convention. Besides, your parents' presence is excellent emergency insurance. Should gate-crashers appear, Dad can get rid of them for you. And disaster in the kitchen? Mom to the rescue!"—Betty is 16, and junior at Taylorsville High School. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Price, members of Davie EMC.



Betty Kay

FLETCHER OAKES
Rose Hill, N. C.

"I think teenagers should seldom plan a party without having chaperones. In every group of teenagers, there will be in most cases someone who is not trustworthy. If there are chaperones, they can usually avoid disruption of a party and keep it rolling smoothly. They can take part and advise and lead the teenagers. To have a really successful party, I think chaperones should be there."—Fletcher is 18, finished high school this year, and is going to enter business school this month. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Oakes, Four-County EMC members.



Fletcher

MARY ANN BEAL
Lincolnton, N. C.

"I think every teen party should have a chaperone. I like to have my mother or a married sister in the house when we're having a party. They help to break the ice at the beginning, and then leave the party to us. It's good to know they are close by, in case we need them. You never know when older, uninvited guests may try to crash the party. If they know adults are in the house, they'll behave, or leave."—Mary Ann is 16 and a sophomore at Lincolnton High School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Beal, and they are Lenoir EMC members. Mary Ann's hobbies are dancing and music.



Mary Ann

Next question is:

"How often should teenagers be permitted to borrow the family car?"

If you have a good answer, send to THE TEEN ROUNDTABLE, The Carolina Farmer, P. O. Box 1699, Raleigh, N. C. Send a photo, too, if you have one, (we can't return it), and a few facts about yourself. Include your parents' name, and the name of the electric membership corporation serving you. If your answer is published, we will send you \$5.

If you want to submit a question, send it along for our statewide panel to answer. For each question used, the sender will get a \$5 check. Jot yours down and send it to us right away.

We won't have a December panel, because of an early magazine deadline, but will be back again in January.

CHARLES MILLER
Maxton, N. C.

"I don't think teenagers should have unchaperoned parties. At least one grownup should be there to see that things run smoothly. If not, there is always one sour lemon in the group who would spoil the party. Teenagers can have parties in which the chaperones take part in the activities, and both still have a wonderful time. Besides, a chaperoned party will not cause talk in the neighborhood."—Charles is 17, a senior at Rowland High School, and he likes "music, cars and girls," he says. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Sam Miller, members of Lumbee River EMC.

Teen

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TEMPUS FUGIT!

We have received a request for the persimmon pudding recipes in the July or August issues of the CF from Mrs. W. C. Thornburg, Rt. 1, Dallas. We did not locate the requested recipes in the mentioned issues. We would greatly appreciate any service you could render Mrs. Thornburg.

G. H. Wilson
Electrification Advisor
Rutherford EMC
Forest City

We couldn't find the recipes in those issues of the CF, either. But we did locate one in the May, 1958, issue. A copy of the recipe has been mailed to Mrs. Thornburg.

BASEBALL CAMP

I want to thank you for the nice coverage which you gave us of our Baseball Camp in the August issue of the CF. Nothing we ever did anywhere caused any more interest and response than this article.

C. Roby Garner, President
Piedmont Baseball Camp
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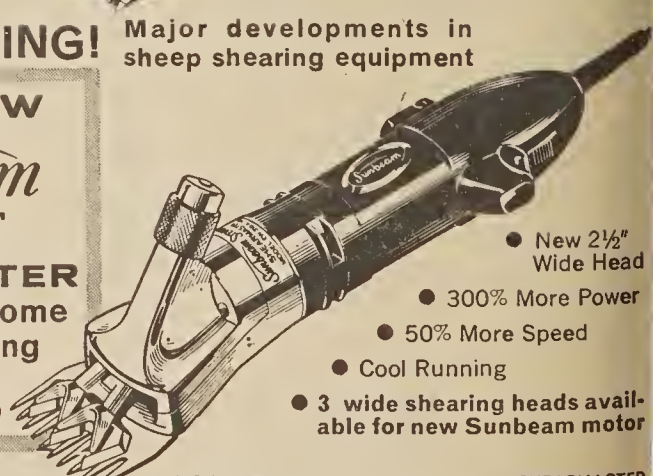
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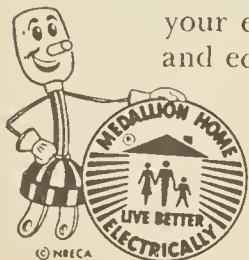
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"Well," said the wife happily, "Jack's finally settled down."

"Wonderful!" gushed her friend. "What's he doing?"

"Digging for gold."

HALE!

Two Cents Worth

Mrs. Brown had always treated her dog as a member of the family, with birthdays, Christmas presents, and all. One day the mailman rang the bell to collect two cents postage due on a birthday card addressed to Bill Brown. Mrs. Brown's surprised housekeeper exclaimed, "Bill Brown, why he's a dog!"

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Behind Time

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"When and where do I get the 5:15, Bud?"

The section hand looked the man over for a moment, then glanced at his own watch.

"Well," he said, scratching his chin, "if you keep standing there between that set of tracks, you ought to get it in two minutes from now . . . right in the seat of your pants!"

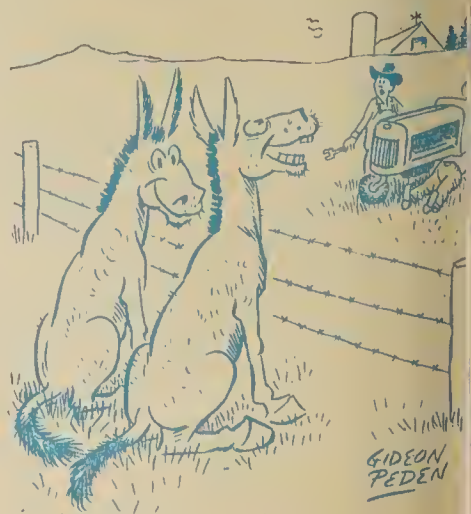
Doomed

Willy was sobbing bitterly. Between sobs he told the teacher: "I don't like school, and I have to stay here until I am 16."

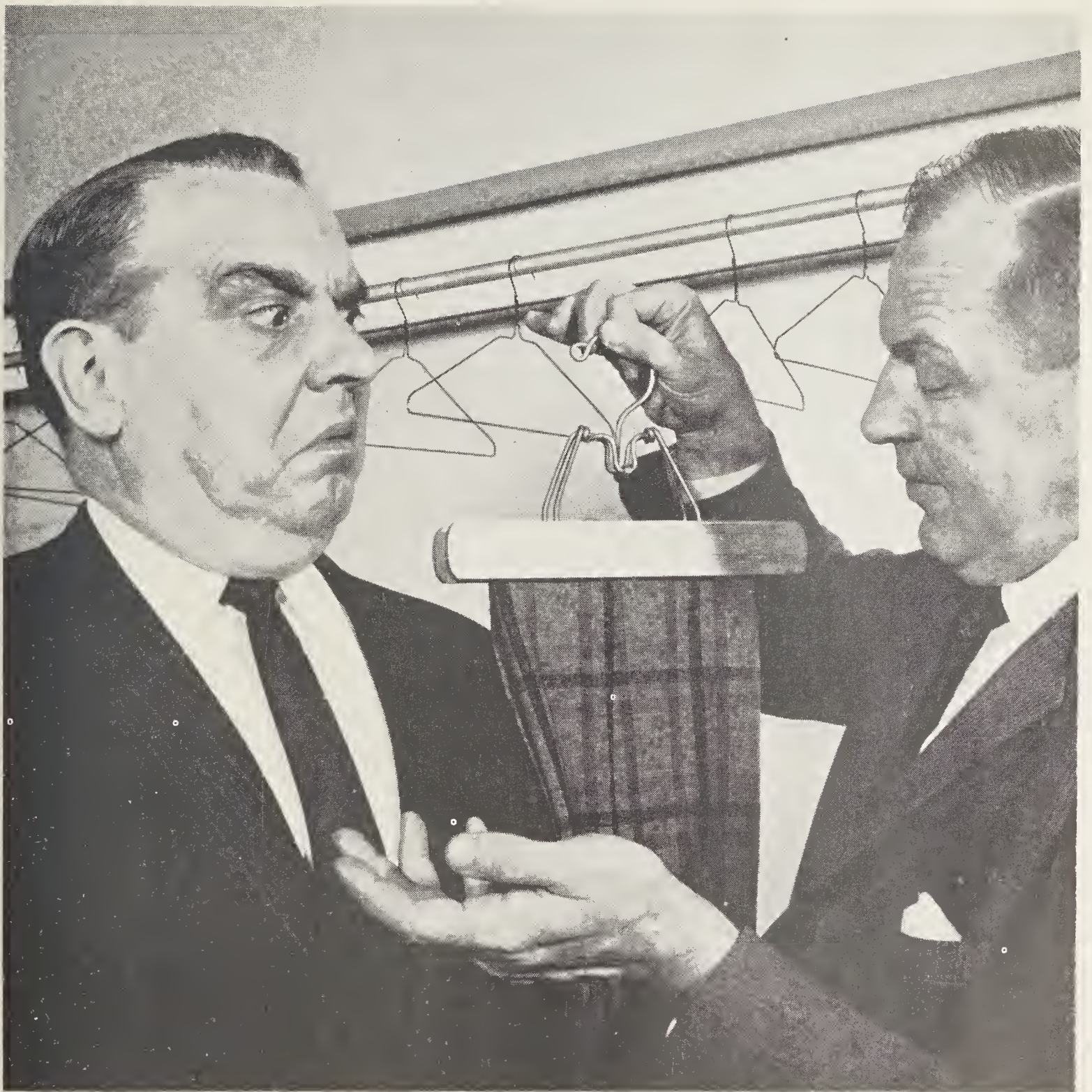
"Don't let that worry you," consoled the teacher. "I have to stay here until I am 65."

Electrified

A young miss was walking down the street sporting one of those awful hairdos which women wear today. As she passed two men, one of them turned to the other and muttered: "Looks like he pardon came through just as the warden pulled the switch."



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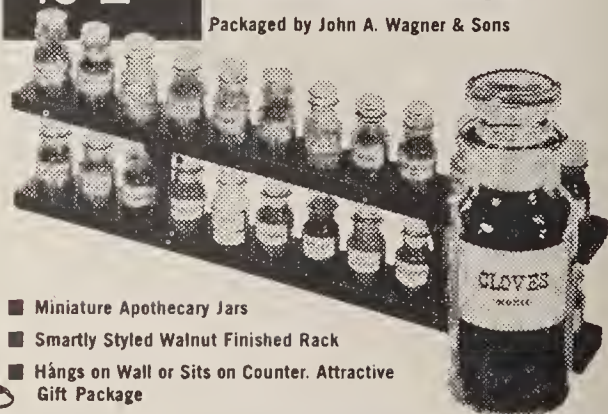
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